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bill don't think is essential, because all they see is give them the right to carry the gun concealed, because that's what they want. Maybe they'll get it, but not without me putting in the record, to the extent that I have the opportunity, the flaws that I see in this bill, the carelessness of the Legislature, and the unwillingness to craft a piece of legislation, if you're going to pass it, that makes greater sense than this amendment, the committee amendments that we are considering right now. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'd like to respond to Senator Foley, and this has more to do with the construct of this bill than philosophical positions. And I think that at this point in the debate I support the Chambers amendment because he is going to require rules and regulations under this amendment from the State Patrol. And, as I said yesterday, I'm a little worried about the capacity of the State Patrol to do it, but regardless of what our current situation is, we have to find a way to make this work and have consistency. These are some of the things that I'm hearing from the people who would have to implement this law from...in my district, and I'll talk first about the sheriff's office. I talked about that yesterday. And the way the bill is written on page 5, the sheriff, in issuing the permit, has to find a few things to be fact. They have to say is...the person is not habitually in an intoxicated or drunken condition and, Senator Foley, in counties the size of ours, I don't know that everybody knows everybody to be able to make that kind of determination. The other is that they have no history of violence. Now how you determine that is going to be extremely difficult and the law is very, very vague, if we pass it in this fashion. Maybe someone should have had a conviction to be able to do that; otherwise, it's a judgment call in how you decide what violence...how violence is defined. Another problem for the sheriff's office and the one that they say is the biggest in this section is Section (e). It says: "Has not been found in the previous five years to be a mentally ill dangerous person under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act